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Goodbye summer and hello fall!

Admittingly this is my favorite time of the year. The fall colors are starting to pop making my drive to work both peaceful and beautiful. At times I need to pinch myself to make sure I am not dreaming. This month marks my third anniversary of living on the Island full-time and I only wish I would have run away from home sooner.

Halloween, Thanksgiving, and even Christmas are right around the corner. But first, this is an important election year. The Northern Islander aims to provide voters with the information to formulate their own opinions and participate in community, local, or national matters that will affect them. As a result, Beaver Island has several 2024 candidates in both Peaine and St. James Township. We reached out to all offering the opportunity to provide brief statements about their candidacy. Those who responded are featured on pages six and seven. Regardless of the party and or candidate you are backing, please make a conscious effort to Vote, as your opinion matters!

Stay tuned for more to come from Bill Reed, our beat reporter on all things wireless. The paper is committed to keeping you informed and connected. See page 25 for more detail.

As the Island is winding down, the entertainment and community support never fails. Cheer on our athletes by attending a game, mark your calendars for the Harvest on the Harbor, get your costume ready for Trunk or Treat, support our local restaurants and businesses, prepare your hunting blind, and visit the Beaver Island Community Center calendar for all the up-to-date information on island events. This Island never sleeps, and we have a little something for everyone regardless of the season!

Pure Michigan = Pure Beaver Island. Enjoy.

Until next month,
Amy Marschner

Pierre wants to know
if you have a story?
Share it with us!
To submit your piece for consideration,
email our Editor at
editor@beaverislandhistory.org

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Since 1957, The Beaver Island Historical Society has been working to keep Beaver Island History alive! We advance this goal through a mission of preserving and sharing the unique history of Beaver Island and the Archipelago.

The shoulder season has arrived. It was a great summer with a full variety of events on our Island. Thank you for volunteering, attending the events and supporting the various island groups. The Historical Society enjoyed an action-packed season and greeted almost 9,000 visitors. Most recently we hosted our 2nd Film Festival. The event welcomed 21 film makers to the island showing several short films, Marqueetown for a Matinee and ended with the feature film The Grande Ballroom: Louder than Love. If you attended one of the film events, please reach out and let us know how we did!

Looking ahead, our last event for 2024 will be the Holiday Social planned for December. More details to follow in the coming months. If you would like to be part of the museum decorating committee or have fun suggestions for the social, please give us a call at 231-448-2254 and ask for Lori.

This past week I had the opportunity to attend the Great Lakes Island Alliance (GLIA) Summit in the Cedarville – Les Cheneaux community. The Summitt attendance included thirteen Great Lakes Island communities. The gathering is a true demonstration of the power of networks providing a transformance of ideas that help to build strong, safe and growing island communities. I am looking forward to attending the next summit in a nearby island community.

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Meet Kim Bousquet
RECENTLY I JOINED THE BEAVER ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY AS THE NEWEST BOARD MEMBER. THE HISTORY OF BEAVER ISLAND IS VERY INTERESTING AND I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS OPPORTUNITY. I MOVED TO BEAVER ISLAND IN 2005 JOINING THE BEAVER ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL STAFF AS THE FIRST AND SECOND-GRADE TEACHER, THEN MOVED TO SPECIAL EDUCATION AFTER MY SON WAS BORN. IN MY FREE TIME, I ENJOY SPENDING TIME WITH MY FAMILY, WATCHING BICS SPORTS AND ROBOTICS, AND GOING TO THE BEACH.

PEAINE TOWNSHIP RECEIVES $19,700 GRANT FROM MDARD

By Maria Dal Pra

The Peaine Township board is pleased to announce its grant award from MDARD. The grant will be used for the implementation of a solar water well at Lake Genesareth to address immediate water-related challenges, ensure the safety of recreational activities, and provide a reliable water source for emergency services. Peaine Township's grant writer, Justin Haley, researched the needs and requirements, developed the implementation plan, and wrote the grant for the Township.

MDNR has approved the acceptance of the grant for the installation of the well and will be working closely with Peaine Township this Winter to develop a long-term plan for Lake Geneserath to progress toward a State Licensed campground, building on the Townships' Parks and Recreation options as well as aligning with the Parks and Recreation Five Year Plan approved early in 2024. Additionally, Peaine Township is working closely with the Wildlife Club to support the Township's first universally accessible fishing pier to be installed at Lake Geneserath.

Work sessions for further development of Lake G will be scheduled for this Winter. If you'd like to be involved in the planning, please send an email to Peaine Township Supervisor at PeaineTownship@gmail.com.

DARK SKY SANCTUARY DEDICATION CEREMONY

By Cynthia Hector-Johnson

The Beaver Island Association and the Beaver Island Dark Sky Project held a dedication ceremony to mark the establishment of the Beaver Island State Wildlife Research Area, International Dark Sky Sanctuary.

September 20, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Beaver Island Community Center, community members attended the event at the BIC Center, featuring dark sky speakers from Headlands Dark Sky Park, TK Lawless Dark Sky Park, Michigan Dark Sky Chapter, and Chicago's Adler Planetarium.

Kevin Boyle served as Master of Ceremonies and read a special message from Robert Parrish, director of Dr. TK Lawless International Dark Sky Park. Parrish is a dark sky advocate who nominated the sanctuary to Dark Sky International. Parrish assisted with the application process. Parrish praised the work of the Beaver Island Dark Sky Project. Jamie Westfall, managing director at Headlands International Dark Sky Park, also had high praise for the community effort and presented information about Headlands and their efforts to preserve dark skies. Robyn Porteen, dark sky advocate, and leader of DarkSky Michigan Chapter also spoke highly of the Beaver Island accomplishment and told how her organization supports the efforts of all who wish to practice dark sky preservation and fight light pollution.

Cynthia Johnson, media contact, project member, and dark sky advocate, opened the ceremony with a heartfelt speech about the team's efforts and the sanctuary. She also talked about light pollution and described what the team does to involve the community and create awareness, then recited a Wondrous Skies poem at the end.

A special recorded message was played from Mary Stewart Adams, from her Night Sky Storyteller's radio episode that is heard on Interlochen Public Radio and WBVI. Afterward, William Markey thanked all who had been involved, and gave closing remarks.

The highest praise for the community and the Beaver Island team came from Ken Walczak, director of Adler Planetarium, Chicago. Walczak leads the Far Horizons educational program at the planetarium and is the secretary on the board at DarkSky International. Walczak applauded the hard work, long effort, and accomplishment of the BIA and Dark Sky Project team to achieve the sanctuary status, and presented them with a Letter of Recognition from DarkSky International. His presentation was highly informative as he wowed the audience by showing them the difference in light pollution amounts, and levels of darkness between the dark sky urban community and Beaver Island.

The ceremony marked the dedication of the sanctuary as the twentieth dark sky sanctuary in the world and one of only nine in the United States. Afterward, everyone was invited to the Whiskey Point Lighthouse for a dark sky, a star gazing event with Tony Miller, and telescopes to enjoy the area without streetlights.

Walczak also engaged Beaver Island Community School students in a lively presentation showing how dark Beaver Island is, and how it affects bird migration and showed images taken by a special camera built by Chicago robotics students.

86 people attended the event catered by Bodega Catering, including one astrophysicist who came to Beaver Island specifically to attend the event and hear Walczak speak. The 9&10 News team was also on hand and posted a feature on their website about the ceremony and the Beaver Island Retreat.

The Beaver Island Dark Sky Project Committee celebrated the well attended event and the resulting support and donations from the community. Johnson said, "The dedication was a huge success for informing the community about what the sanctuary is and does and for having the praise and information from other Dark Sky places and advocates given to the entire community. It was also an excellent opportunity to forge collaborations that will bring more awareness to the community and educate our students and the public. This was an incredible honor to have these speakers and the successful dedication event was a great reward for the committee and their four-year effort to bring this dream to reality."

You can view a video of the event, filmed by Kayleigh Gregg, on YouTube and find out more at www.darkskyisland.org and find dark sky events on the BIC Center community calendar or on the airwaves at WVBI. There is always an opportunity to volunteer or donate to the Dark Sky Fund. For more information, contact the beaverislandassociation.org.

Back row: Ken Walczak, Robin Porteen, Jamie Westfall, Dick Mulvihill, Pam Grassmick, Paul Cole, Anita Mauro, Brian Vaeth, Cynthia Johnson, William Markey. Front row, David Clark, Kevin Boyle, Maria Dal Pra. PHOTO CREDIT ROSEMARIE PERRONE

A BEAVER ISLAND COMMUNITY UPDATE ON HOUSING

By The Beaver Island Association's Housing Taskforce

1. The **Beaver Island Workforce Housing Project l**ocated along Karnes Drive near Brothers Road is underway. The Michigan State Housing. Development Authority has awarded a grant to help fund this private development. The first 12 modular units of the 24-unit multi-housing development will be constructed this winter on the mainland for delivery next spring, with the site, foundation, and utility work underway. The housing should be available by mid-summer.

2. To permit **smaller dwellings** an update of the applicable zoning ordinance is undergoing consideration by the St. James Township Planning Commission. The commission will host a Public Hearing on October 1, 2024, at 5:30 pm at the St James Township Hall to gain feedback on a proposed zoning ordinance change. This change, if approved, will reduce the square foot area of a home from 600 sft to 400 sft in a portion of R2 Single-family residence zoned property. These R2 proper ties are principally located within the Port of St. James residential area and some areas between Back Highway/Oak Street and Pine Street. This proposal does not include properties on Lake Michigan, Font Lake, or those located within the Critical Sand Dune Area.

3. The 15-acre **BIA Housing Project,** which involves the Adolph family's property which is located northwest of Hannon Road and Old Brothers Road, continues to be developed, with various initiatives underway.
   a. The **property will be surveyed** this fall. This work is funded for the most part by a grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. **Funds will need to be raised to cover this project's shortfall**. Any housing project donations payable to the BIA, a 501.3(c), should be eligible for a tax deduction. With the completion of the survey, conceptual site plans will be developed. Vegetation buffer around the development and green space within the development will be considered.
   b. A **survey to determine our island's housing needs** is being developed for release later this month for consideration by businesses and other organizations. We need to determine how many units need to be built and what number of bedrooms per different-sized units.
   c. A s**eries of considerations include:**
      i. The type of housing - ownership vs rental - and type of property management.
      ii. The type of housing innovations from modular building to unique materials, to get to the lowest best costs and completing the work as soon as possible.
      iii. Seeking out an island-knowledgeable contractor to assist us with the development work. In addition, the developer of the workforce housing project, Vince Ebersoldt, will be assisting our taskforce.
      iv. A review of all available funding sources and types.
      v. We will host community input sessions later this year/early next year.

4. A **childcare feasibility study** is being sponsored by the Beaver Island Community School to determine the needs for early childcare. Officials from North Central Michigan College will do this study. These childcare officials are advocating for smaller settings for childcare - a micro-center which is something in between a home-based childcare operation and a commercial childcare operation.

THE BILL WAGNER MEMORIAL CAMPGROUND

By Maria Dal Pra

Have you been to the Bill Wagner Memorial Campground lately?

For over a decade, the dock at the Bill Wagner Memorial Campground has been unusable, resting on the side of the public beach entrance. In late August, the Peaine Township board took a step toward improving the campground by removing the dock.

In the coming months, we will be collecting the dock's history, gathering stories from locals, and documenting the positive impact it had over the years. Our goal is to recognize those who were instrumental in its initial acquisition and highlight the community's need for a future dock in the same location.

If you have a story, comment, or information about the dock's history, please contact Peaine Township Supervisor Maria Dal Pra at PeaineTownship@gmail.com, so we can include your input in a future issue of the Northern Islander.

WELLNESS GARDEN WRAPS UP THE SEASON

By Monica Longlet

Thank you Beaver Island for making our fundraising plant sales a success this summer. Looking forward to growing more plants for the community in 2025! the Wellness Gardeners.

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Thank you!

YOUR 2024 CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

Heather Cary

Candidate for Peaine Township Trustee

Hello, I'm Heather Cary – a candidate for Peaine Township Trustee. I am very proud and humbled to be a sixth-generation Beaver Islander. I am the daughter of Greg Cary and Lynn McDonough, and granddaughter of Bud and Skip McDonough. I was born in 1984. I attended Beaver Island Community School from preschool to 12th grade, graduating in 2002.

After graduation, I moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan to attend cosmetology school at Chic University of Cosmetology. I knew at a very young age making people feel pretty and positive about themselves while using my creativity to do their hair was exactly what I wanted to do for my career. I graduated at the top of my class of over 100, passing my State Boards with a 98%! Launching my career, I spent time in Traverse City at a beautiful salon overlooking the bay. Eventually, I realized that Beaver Island is where my heart is. I returned home, determined to be self-employed in my own business. I developed my island clientele while raising my first daughter. Following another detour to work with my sister in Charlevoix, when my second daughter came into the picture, I was able to open at my very special forever location in the heart of the harbor – Concrete Blonde Salon!

I am a very hard worker in and out of my job that I love so much. Here on the island now for good! You can count on me 1000% to bring this same commitment to being a Trustee. I want to help keep Beaver Island a special place for myself, you, and generations to come! The island is growing and will continue to do so. We can support this and keep the amazing vibe of our beautiful piece of paradise! I cherish my homeland and want it to forever be unique and special! Working together, I will always want to hear your opinions and questions as your Township Trustee. Vote for Heather Cary!

Vicki Smith

Candidate for Peaine Township Treasurer

In my first term as Treasurer, I've had the opportunity to ensure that taxes are collected and then paid to the appropriate entities, as well as working with the board to ensure our Township is running efficiently.

As a township board member, you may not know that other duties are required of us, which involve us serving on other Boards. I've enjoyed these duties serving on the Waste Management Committee, the Planning Commission, the BI Joint Telecommunications Committee, as well as the BI Rural Health Center Board. I also volunteer time for the Trails Committee and head up the local winter Thursday night Euchre games (join us at Whiskey Point Brewery).

As a township official on these Boards, it ensures that Peaine has a word in the operations, decisions and funding. I share my thoughts on matters of budgeting, operational improvements, and brainstorming in order to ensure the best in efficiency and communication. It's been a pleasure working with the other township officials and appointed public members of these boards and committees.

It is important to me that Peaine Township, as well as Beaver Island, maintain its wonderful rural, rustic beauty. As a descendant of the Boyle, O'Donnell, Schmidt and Gallagher families, I feel it is my familial duty to protect our Island gem from becoming too far removed from our original beginnings.

In my second term, my goal as we move forward to the future is to ensure we keep the Island "feel" as we continue to improve infrastructure (transfer station, fiber, roads), trails, our inland lakes and our parks. I'm hoping for your vote this November so that I can continue to work for you on the Township Board, the Transfer Station, the Planning Commission and the other committees, all of whom have many projects in the works.

Maria Dal Pra

Candidate for Peaine Township Supervisor

I'm running for Supervisor of Peaine Township to ensure our community continues to thrive. I understand the values and priorities of our residents, and as Supervisor, I'm committed to maintaining the unique character of Peaine Township while embracing the opportunities that lie ahead.

My priorities include ensuring responsible growth, improving infrastructure, and enhancing communication between township leadership and the public. I believe in ensuring our roads and public services are well-maintained, our natural resources are preserved, and our local economy is supported. I believe in a transparent and inclusive government where every resident's voice is heard and valued.

Together, we can find solutions that benefit all. By focusing on sustainable growth, financial responsibility, and long-term planning, I will continue to work to protect our township's natural beauty and quality of life for future generations.

Your trust and support in this election will allow me to work for you and with you to build a stronger, more connected Peaine Township.

Andrew Stebbins

Candidate for Peaine Township Trustee

For the past 50 years, Beaver Island has been a central part of my life, beginning when my parents built a cottage on Font Lake. In 2012, my wife, two youngest daughters, and I made the island our full-time home.

I've had the honor of serving on the Beaver Island Community School Board for eight years, including two years each as President and Vice President. Currently, I serve as Peaine Township's Deputy Supervisor and as a member of the Waste Management Committee.

With a degree in Management Information Systems from Oakland University, I co-founded Integrated Systems Technologies LLC, which grew to 400 employees with offices in the USA, Mexico, Canada, Japan, Germany and the United Kingdom. After taking the company public in 2006, I shifted my focus to raising my four adopted children and a hobby: racing. The hobby turned into a small business which included building race cars, engines, and race teams, and eventually a high-profile racing series called Michigan Dirt Cup.

As a candidate for Peaine Township Trustee, I bring experience in problem-solving, collaboration, and innovation. My top priorities include:

- Broadband and Communication: I am actively working in the capacity as Deputy Supervisor to improve broadband, 911 services, and cellular communication for Peaine Township to build a modern infrastructure.
- Affordable Housing: We need to support young families and workers by providing affordable housing options to sustain our community.
- Environmental Protection: Preserving our natural beauty and addressing issues like blight and invasive species is essential as the island grows.

I am passionate about Beaver Island and dedicated to its future. As your trustee, I will continue working to enhance the quality of life for everyone in our community.

Vicky Fingeroot

Candidate for St. James Township Trustee

My name is Vicky Fingeroot, and I am running for St. James Township Trustee. After serving on the board for the past two years, I am excited to seek a full term starting this November.

Since moving to Beaver Island full-time in 2021, after first visiting in 2008, I have come to truly appreciate the unique charm of our community. As the owner of Bodega Catering, I am dedicated to supporting our local economy and enhancing both tourism and the needs of our residents.

Beaver Island's natural beauty and close-knit community are remarkable. We take pride in supporting each other while working to maintain our island's charm. Key issues such as sustainability, shoreline protection, waste reduction, improving internet access, healthcare, and housing are central to my focus.

In addition to my role on the Township Board, I serve on the Waste Management and Public Works Committees and am a Board Member of both the Chamber of Commerce and the BIA. These roles keep me actively engaged with the needs of our community, and I always welcome and encourage feedback from residents.

I am committed to these goals and passionate about preserving the paradise that is Beaver Island. I appreciate your trust and support, and I look forward to the opportunity to continue serving you in the coming term.
Sincerely,
Vicky Fingeroot

Roberta (Bobbi) Welke

Candidate for St James Township Supervisor

On November 5, 2024, consider electing a bridge builder to continue to help the township achieve our mission to maintain and enhance our unique sense of place, including creating a safe walkable community and protecting our unique natural features and open spaces that attracts people to St James Township and makes it a special place to visit and reside.

As a life-long visitor and now fulltime resident, my family roots on the island started in the 1930s. Educated as a civil engineer at MSU and UM with bachelor's and master's degrees, respectively, which, along with my engineering career prepared me for this supervisor position. I worked over 30 years for the Michigan Department of Transportation, with four years performing as the project manager for the design and construction phases of the second Blue Water Bridge at Port Huron. This was a $79.4 million international project built during the middle of the 1990s. You can read more about this bridge project in the October 1997 edition of the Beaver Beacon. At the same time my family and island contractors were helping me to build my first home on the island. Both projects were built on time and on budget.

I was appointed to this supervisor position in July 2022 and first elected to it in November 2022. My values and background have served our township, in collaboration with others, to address various issues associated with our island's operations, personnel, emergency management, and projects. We are making progress on issues associated with housing, broadband, critical sand dunes, transfer station operations, and township parks including the Donegal Bay Bike path project. Additional progress is needed on these and other initiatives. If reelected, we will continue to bridge our needs into results.

BEAVER ISLAND RURAL HEALTH CENTER-PAYING IT FORWARD

By Ann Partridge

Beaver Island, Michigan – The squeaky clean, smooth, soft and beautiful-in-blue latest arrival to the BIRHC was looked upon affectionately by Donna Stambaugh, Director of the Beaver Island Fire Department Auxiliary. Grinning broadly, she said, "It's finally here!" The journey to the smooth delivery of this gorgeous addition took well over a year but was well worth the wait! Especially when you consider all of the back strain and pressure points that are going to be relieved. All the comfort and rest that lies ahead. "It makes all the difference when you know that all you have done and endured has been for a wonderful outcome," said Stambaugh.

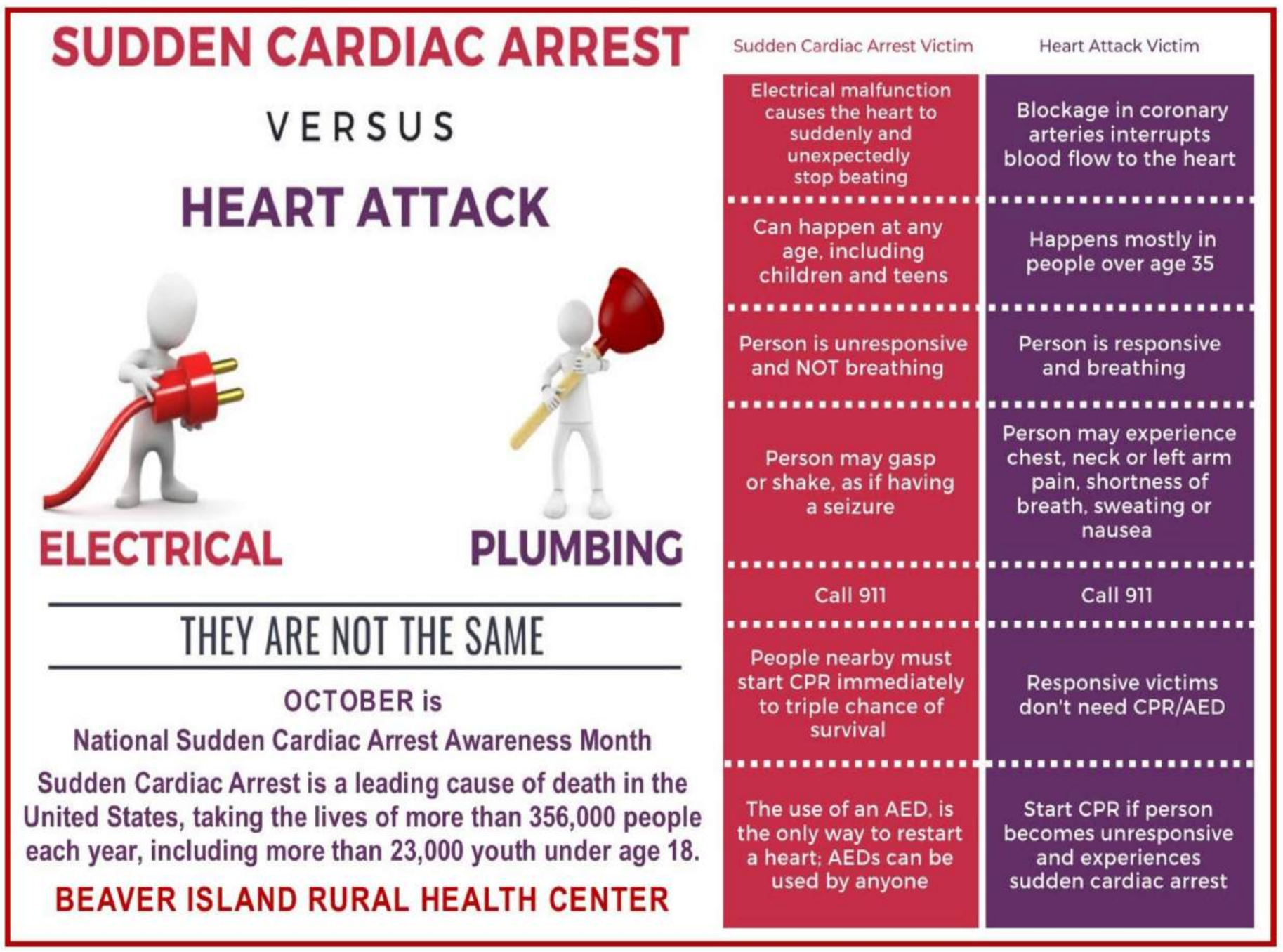
Yes, the Stryker M Series Transport Stretcher is going to be ever so loved by practitioner and patient alike! "The special features not only address patient comfort levels but caregiver strain and efficiency levels as well," piped in Ann Partridge, BIRHC Managing Director. In addition, the gurney's integrated scale provides weights while the patient is on the stretcher, eliminating the need for transfers (or ambulation) to an independent scale.

Frank D'Andraia, President of the Center's Board of Directors said, "Philanthropic support is critical as medical costs continue to rise and the Beaver Island Fire Department Auxiliary and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation grants allowed us to address one of the center's most pressing needs."

The preceding arrival to the BIRHC will become very familiar with our new trauma room gurney. Dr. Timothy E. King has provided backup and relief services during these busy summer months, including in trauma and urgent-care situations. He is a board-certified pain management physician with additional certification in anesthesiology and addiction. He is currently re-visiting his training and certification to focus on primary care and is seeing patients at the BIRHC by appointment.

As a recognized expert in proper opiate prescribing practices, Dr. King provides training, consulting and expert review services for law firms, insurance companies, and federal and state governments on administrative, civil and criminal drug diversion matters. Dr. King is a graduate (chemistry) of Indiana University and earned his MD from the Indiana University School of Medicine. He completed his Anesthesia Residency Program at the University of Washington. He previously practiced in Northwest Indianna.

We welcome both of our new arrivals to the BIRHC and know you will, too!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Start CPR if person becomes unresponsive and experiences sudden cardiac arrest

NEWS FROM THE BEAVER ISLAND COMMUNITY CENTER

October is upon us at your Community Center, promising autumn fun of different flavors. Check the Community Calendar at biccenter.org for details on our regular programs, and read on below for some of this colorful month's highlights at the BIC Center.

October 11-12 has the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Harvest on the HarborFestival, featuring a Friday night performance of bluegrass wizards Steel & Wood in our theater. That's followed on Saturday by 'Johnny Applesqueeze' cider-making in the auditorium; and not one but two hayrides - an apple-picking hayride and a sunset hayride, with more goodies thrown into the festival mix to be announced.

Later on October 26, we've got a Kid's Halloween party complete with treats, costumes, and pumpkin carving for the island's youngsters. And on the 31st is the return of our Annual Pumpkin Walk, featuring some of those same orange gourds lit up and on display in our darkened auditorium for all to see.

On two separate dates to be announced, our Let's Get Quizzical! Trivia Nights continue the brain-teasing competition island folks have come to love. Bring a snack and beverage of your choice, and please register your team of no more than six on our tickets page at store.biccenter.org.

Along with these main acts, we've got our weekly senior exercise programs, Friday Senior + Vets Coffee and Doughnuts, and a smattering of local organization meetings, including two information sessions on planned broadband internet upgrades for the island. Stay tuned to our website and social media pages for updates and information from us, and we'll see you at the Community Center !

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THINK BEFORE YOU THROW

By Frank D'Andraia

Keep America Beautiful (KAB) has been working for almost 70 years to help reduce litter, improve recycling, and beautify communities. With more than 650 state and community-based affiliate groups and more than 1,000 partners, it is the largest community improvement organization in the United States. Here on Beaver Island, there is no KAB affiliate, but there are local volunteers who work on cleaning up roadside litter. These local litterati were out on Saturday morning September 14, picking up more than 20 bags of litter from various sections of roadway in both Peaine and St.James Townships.

For a clearer understanding of the scope and magnitude of the nation's litter problem, Keep America Beautiful periodically releases data from their studies of roadway litter. Here are some highlights from their most recent study.

- Approximately 50 billion pieces of litter are now present along roadways and waterways in the U.S. — this equates to 152 pieces of litter per person.
- Items made of plastic account for over one-third of all litter.
- Cigarette butts continue to be the most littered item in the United States, as they do not break down in nature.
- Plastic films, grocery bags, food wrappers, and snack bags are the next most littered items; this includes 350 million plastic bags.
- Over 800 million pieces of fast-food packaging were littered on United States roadways and waterways, including 394.7 million fast-food cups.
- Alcoholic beverage containers are a big problem, as they are littered about twice as much as non–alcoholic beverage containers.

The roadside trash collected on the island on September 14 mirrors KAB findings. Additionally, the KAB study pointed out that Americans understand that litter has a strong negative impact on their communities. A large majority of U.S. residents (75 to 97 percent) recognize that litter negatively affects the environment, waterways, property taxes, home values, tourism and businesses, quality of life, and health and safety in their communities.

"We all have a role to play in making our island look its very best," said Frank D'Andraia, the organizer of the September 14 clean-up effort. He added, "We're inviting all islanders to join us in 2025 when two roadside trash pick-ups will be scheduled for Beaver Island byways. We believe the call for volunteers reflects positively on the proud legacy and can-do spirit of this beautiful place we call home."

Island residents involved in the cleanup included Frank D'Andraia, Karen Hershey, Craig Perano, Rita Pierano, Emily Ruddell, Betty Scoggins, Vicki Matella Smith, Rich Testardi and Audrey VanDyke. Work gloves, safety vests, and litter pickers were provided by Peaine and St. James Townships. Trash bags and trash pickup were made possible by the Charlevoix County Road Commission. Bottled water was provided by McDonough's Market.

BAY NORTH REALTY

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This charming 3 bedroom, 3 bath home has an open-concept living, dining, and kitchen area with lots of natural light and cathedral ceiling, creating the perfect space for entertaining. A second versatile living space off the main area is currently being used as a spacious playroom and movie room. The french doors can be closed for privacy and quiet from the rest of the house. The garage mudroom entrance has a pantry, and convenient laundry area. Rounding out the main floor is the primary bedroom with en suite, and a second bedroom and bath. Upstairs, a home office and living area is open to the first floor, creating a semi private space. Down the hall is the third bedroom and bath, along with a generous-sized storage closet. The large unfinished space above the garage can be accessed from the second floor, or from the outside stairway entrance, making this a great space for multiple possible future uses. The current owners have installed quality wood floors throughout the main floor, along with numerous Fujitsu mini split units providing additional heat and air conditioning. Located a few minutes from town, very close to Little Sand Bay Preserve, and Mike Boyle's Beach, this is a lovely tucked-away spot to call home!

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THE 2024 FEILE

By Katie Johnson

The 4th Annual Emerald Isle Irish Féile celebrated Irish Music, history, culture, dance and pride in our deep ancestral roots once again on Beaver Island.

This year we welcomed back old friends The Bryne Brothers, Hannah Harris & Randy Clepper, The Pub Runners, Ruby John, John Warstler, The Gavin Family as well as Island musicians, Danny & Friends, Glenn Hendrix and the Stay Happy Band. Representing us from our sister Island, Arranmore in County Donegal, were musicians and artists Jerry Early, John Gallagher, John Flannagan and Anne Conaghan. New to the stage this year we welcomed the fresh sounds of Canadian band The Tartan Terrors, who were a huge hit with festival-goers both on and off the stage and multi-faceted artist and musician, Caoimhin (Kwee-veen) Mac Aoidh, who wowed us all with his traditional fiddle playing.

There really was something for everyone at this years Féile, with the Currach Club of Milwaukee joining us once again for Currach races at the beach, cultural activities on the Convent Green with our Arranmore friends and a very special presentation by Kevin Green titled Arranmore Emigration: The rest of the story, with musical accompaniment from Jerry Early & Friends. We even started a new island tradition by gifting a stunning pear wood baton from Beaver Island to Arranmore Island. The baton, handcrafted by 6th generation Islander Barry McDonough was presented to Jerry Early of Arranmore Island in a ceremony initiated to strengthen and showcase the relationship between our Island's elders and the important role they play in 'passing the baton' to the next generation of musicians, historians, artists and storytellers on both our islands. Next year Jerry will have the honor of passing it back to one of our many budding young islanders.

Perhaps the highlight of the weekend was the gracious invitation we received from the Green(e) Family to host The Byrne Brothers at their ancestral family farm. Festival goers flocked, by 'hayride' down the winding driveway to this historic island home to sing and dance under the warm September sun before touring the homestead, originally built by Arranmore settlers 'White Dan' Greene and Bridget (O'Donnell)

As we wrap up and reflect on the new friends we made and the memories we will cherish for another year we would like to thank all of our wonderful volunteers, our Board of Directors and staff, Kitty McNamara and Katie Johnson.

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We would also like to take this opportunity to once again extend a huge and heartfelt **THANK YOU** to our Emerald Isle and Arranmore Island Sponsors.

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The Beaver Island Irish Heritage Group (BIIHG) is a nonprofit corporation presenting authentic and varied activities to recognise, showcase, and preserve Beaver Island's unique Irish heritage including its connection to Arranmore Island, County Donegal, Republic of Ireland. The signature event of the group is the annual Emerald Isle Irish Feile which it hosts each September.

2024 FEILE

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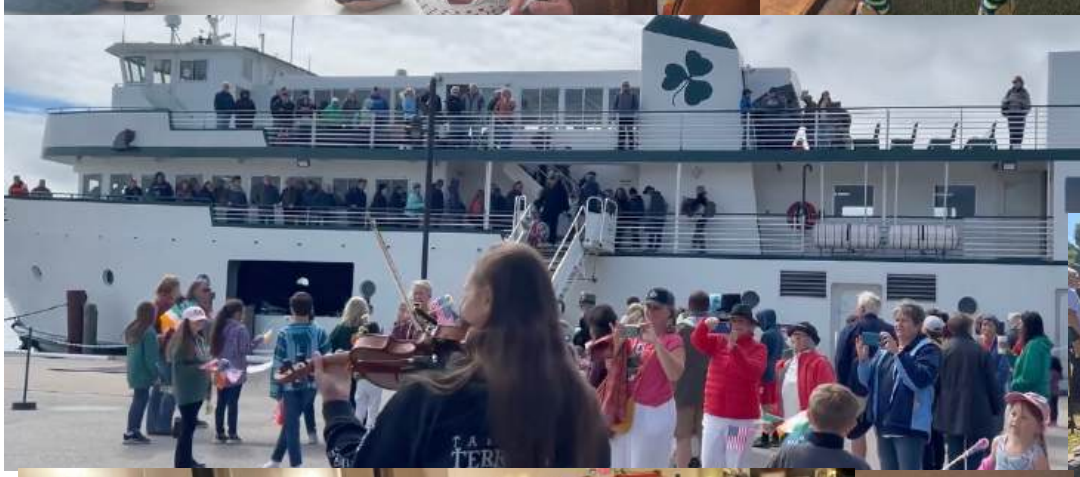


STORIES FROM THE FRONT PORCH

By Michelle LaFreniere

I set out to interview my friend Dan Nackerman at his home on Barney's Lake Rd. On my arrival I found Dan and his daughter Caroline (Carrie) putting together a table and chairs for their deck. They were just finishing up, and after a short discussion and a lot of laughter on the logistics of getting said table and chairs to the deck, we were able to accomplish the mission in short order. Dan's son Garrett and his fiancée Julia were just the extra hands needed.

I was ecstatic to have Carrie, Garrett, and Julia present too. Bonus x 3! We began our interview by talking about family history. I had no idea just how many generations the Nackerman family has been here. Carrie brought out a family tree chart to show me. They go back to Arranmore. Dan is a 7th generation islander and Garrett and Carrie are 8th. Carrie's children James and Grace are the 9th. They are descendants of the O'Donnell's, Malloy's, and Mooney families. The family's homestead next door was designed and built by Fr. Zukelder in 1904. He was an accomplished builder who also built a parish in Cadillac.

The Fred and Molly on the Hidden Valley sign next door would be Francis (Frankie) Nackerman's parents. Her real name was Mary Ann, but she was called Molly. Their only child, Francis, was born 21 or 22 years after they were married. If you remember Frank was our postmaster for many years. He and his wife Grace were well known for their beautiful dancing. I can remember as a very young child watching intently as they waltzed across the Holy Cross hall floor and being just in awe.

Garett announced dinner was ready and we all went inside and prepared our plates (Delicious Mexican cuisine) It was a beautiful night, so we ate outside with Garrett and Juliya joining us. We reminisced about Carrie's wedding day ten years ago. It was so very romantic. Carrie was brought across the harbor on a boat to her husband-to-be waiting on the lawn of Cindy and Dusty Gillespie-Cushman. Garrett and Julia will be getting married next summer here on the island, with Carrie officiating.

We talked about Dan's mom, Ruth Ann Robbins Nackerman, and her connection to many of the island's matriarchs. Lillian Connaghan Cole, Joy McDonough Green as well as Skip Johnson McDonough, and Marie Gauthier Boyle McCauley. They all attended nursing school in Grand Rapids together. Lillian and Joy married island boys and brought the other 3 home to visit, and they subsequently married islanders too.

Frank and Grace had five children, only one boy in the bunch, Rodney. Rod was one of my very favorite humans ever. He and his trusty little sidekick Rex the Beagle would come to the airport to visit me. I learned so much island history from him. He was one of the kindest men I had ever met. Rodney was the reason so many Nackerman's were gathered on the island. Rodney was being inducted into Beaver Island Irish American Hall of Fame.

Rodney and Ruthann had 5 children too. Mike, Dan, Maureen, Pat, and Mary. Dan is the one who probably spends the most time on the island, and thus, the one I know best. Dan and his beautiful wife Ann have five children too. Carrie, Garrett, Molly, and Colin and a daughter they adopted as a teenager, Carolyn.

Kindness seems to run in the family. Dan works with a housing commission in Salt Lake City that helps the homeless and other at-risk populations. His wife Ann is a nurse at the University of Utah hospital. A life in service to others. I'm not surprised. Dan and Ann both value family. You can see it in their children, in their everyday lives. Any kid would be lucky to call them Mom and Dad. Ann couldn't come this time. Her work schedule just didn't permit it.

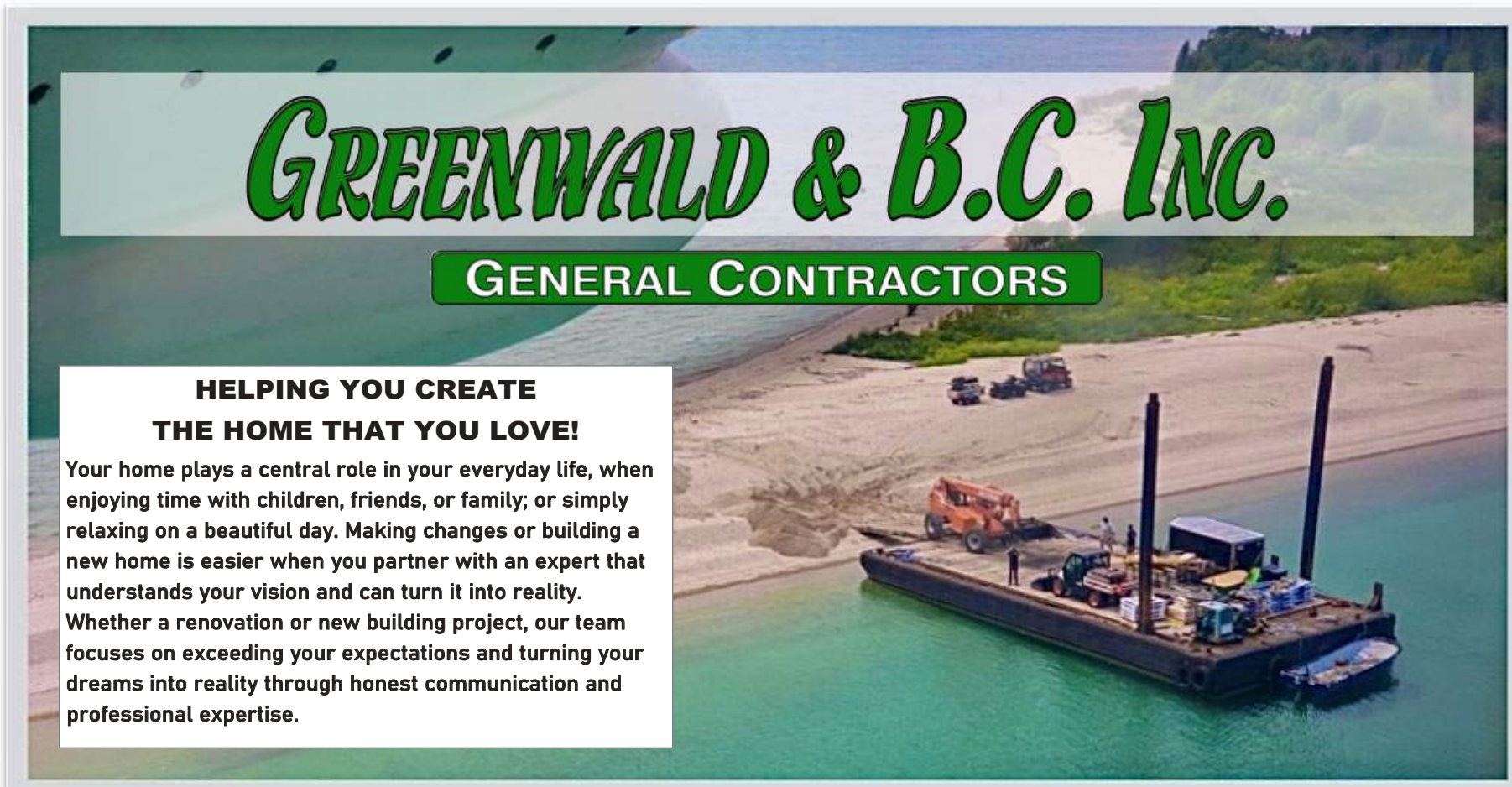
Dan is an accomplished guitarist, and man can he sing! You can catch him playing with Danny Gillespie and Brother Jim now and then. I was even able to see him play guitar while his young grandchild sang at a talent show at the end of Summer Camp last year.

We talked about the farmhouse and the Post Office building. After Fred and Molly were gone Frank and Grace spent summers there and lived above the Post Office in the winter months. That building is still in the Nackerman Family too.

The farmhouse has 100 acres with it and is home to many kinds of apples that Frank planted years ago. There is also a cranberry bog in there somewhere. It is still called Hidden Valley and it holds many fond childhood memories for me.

We concluded our visit by moving inside as the night was getting late. I continued to be impressed by the entire bunch. I could not have asked for a more relaxed visit. We laughed till our sides hurt. We talked about everything under the sun. Each of us had stories to share, and share we did. Carrie seems to be the family historian and just a joy to talk to. She had all the details and stories. Apparently, her youngest brother Colin is quite the historian as well. I'm going to have to catch up with him someday.

I hated to leave but I really didn't want to overstay my welcome and besides, I had to work the next morning. I can't thank all of them enough for the valuable history lessons, the wonderful meal, and the fun company.



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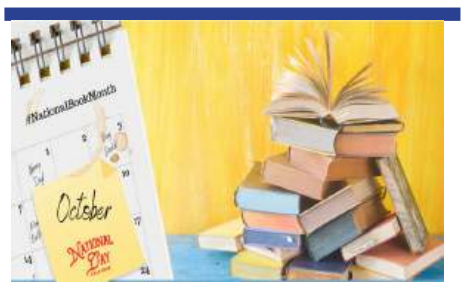
With the help of Adam Duke, and many volunteers, the Native Plant Garden took shape on August 31. First a layer of cardboard was laid, then covered with mulch. Some plants that had been dug up on the Island by the Leuck's were transferred into the area. Next will come some seeds in the spring. A beautiful garden is in the making, but will take time, so be patient! Volunteer to help!

OCTOBER IS MICHIGAN LIBRARY APPRECIATION MONTH

Show your appreciation of BIDL- Join the Friends of Beaver Island District Library, participate in our programming, donate to our Endowment Fund (and buy a book spine!) or Volunteer! Ask at the Circulation Desk how you can show your appreciation.



OCTOBER IS ALSO NATIONAL BOOK MONTH

Avid reading over the course of a lifetime may reduce the rate of memory decline by as much as 32%. Become an Abibliophile (one who fears running out of reading material)!

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL READING GROUP MONTH

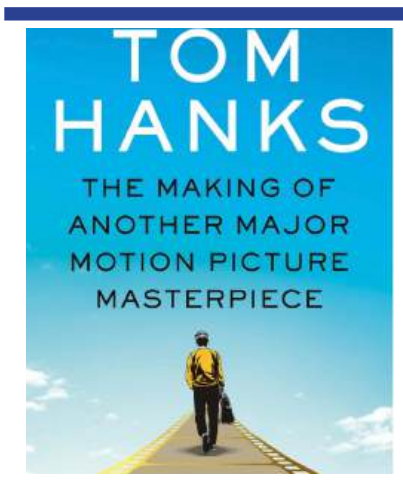
Did you know the Library has a Book Club? Known as BOBI (Bookies of Beaver Island), meets on the third Wednesday of the month to discuss the group decided selection. All are welcome to attend.

Oct. 2nd: National Coffee with a Cop Day.

Stop in to the library with your favorite cop for a cup of Joe, free on us! (Tea and Hot Chocolate are other choices for you!)

Oct. 6-12 IS NATIONAL MYSTERY SERIES WEEK

Do you like to read mysteries? Find a new series to read this month! Ask at the circulation desk for a recommendation!



BOBI- Oct. 16 th The Making of Another Major Motion Picture Masterpiece by Tom Hanks. 3 p.m. at the Library and all are welcome to attend! Zoom link available.

Oct. 19 : Teen Cafe at 2:30-4 p.m. Join in fun, games and activities with other teens at the Teen Cafe on this Saturday.

Celebrate National Friends of the Library week Oct. 20-26, 2024.

The Friends of the Library welcome volunteers, and what better time to sign up than National Friends of the Library week, Oct 20-26. Currently the friends of the library have become inactive, and the library would welcome an active support group. Could you provide a few hours throughout the year for any of the following projects?
- Yard work is always needed- raking and picking up the branches that fall off!
- Events- food and manning of events like author talks, kids's parties, etc.
- Garden planting in the spring and fall cleanup.
- We are also starting a Native Plant garden out front of the library. Volunteers needed!
- Or anything else you and the library staff come up with that would be interesting for you, and useful to the staff.

Please call Audrey VanDyke at 703 684-3522, and she will coordinate with Jacque LaFreniere, our librarian. required, a couple hours outside, or an hour here and there helping to set up for an event would be really helpful and much appreciated.

October 24 - Join in the Read for the Record Day with our seniors and elementary students as they read the book Piper Chen Sings by Phillipa Soo. Donations allowed us to purchase 25 copies so each student can keep their own copy! Call the Library if you wish to participate!

Oct. 26 : National Make a Difference Day-
- You can make a difference: Volunteer in your community or for an organization with merit.
- Be a mentor. Help a youth or another professional to gain new skills.
- Make a donation to a charity with meaning to you.
- Say a kind word of support to someone who is struggling.
- Share a smile with a stranger!
- Put your skills to work. Sometimes our hobbies can bring joy to others in **ways we least expect it.**

Babies and Toddlers: We are still hosting the Babies and Toddlers Mix-up on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. A time for play and socializing!

Story Time for Elementary age kids including homeschooled youngsters meet on Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. Activities, books and more.

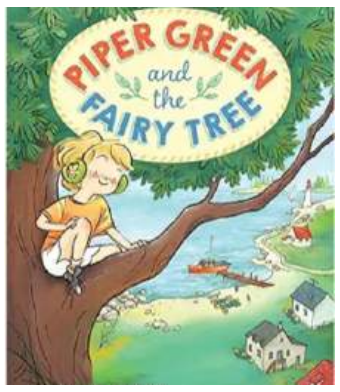
fiero code

A new challenge has appeared on our radar. The Congressional App Challenge. Each year the US. House of Representatives hosts the Congressional App Challenge country-wide. Each representative (ours is Jack Bergman, congressional district MI-01) hosts applicants from each of their districts. This is an annual coding competition for middle and high school students to encourage student participation in computer science and coding. Students can use any programming language and any platform. Any theme or topic can be used. Students can register individually or as a team (of 4 or less).HOME - (congressionalappchallenge.us)

Fiero Code programs can help you succeed! Check out the link above for information and to register, then attend Fiero Code or work on a project to submit.

Book v.s. the Movie

Each month we will highlight a YA, or Kids book and movie at the library. Have your kid read the book, watch the movie and cast their vote at the library.

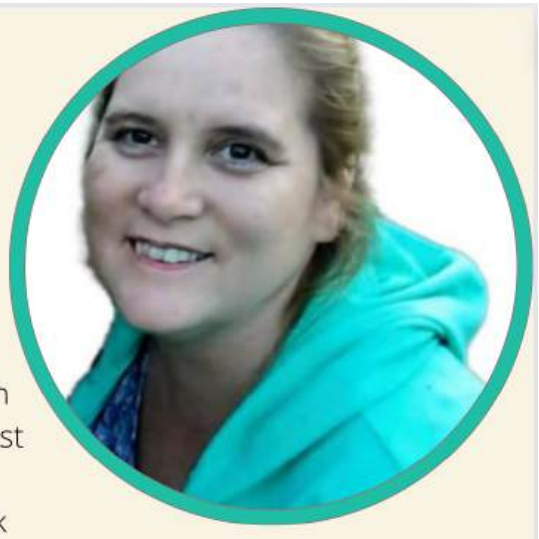


Piper Green
Piper Green lives on a small island too. Set in Maine, Peek-A-Boo Island is an archipelago where kids ride a lobster boat to school. This series is for kids grade 2-4. Piper always says what's on her mind (even when she shouldn't) and has discovered she has a fairy tree in her front yard. Find out if this island truly is magical by coming to the library and checking out Piper Green and the Fairy Tree. Book one of five, and you can find all five here at BIDL.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

By Lois Stipp

Thank you!



Deborah LaFreniere Robert

Deborah LaFreniere Robert is an amazing person in her own right. She is a stellar volunteer. Without missing a beat her first response is always 'What do you need?'. You can find her almost everywhere; wearing a smile and organizing the heck out of something. She is involved in the BIC Center, the churches, and all things related to our school and community; She will always give of her time, talent, and treasure. She is the perfect example of: 'If you want something done, give it to a busy person'. She comes to the rescue every time. We are so lucky to have her in our lives and community.

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WRITING STILL MATTERS: A TEACHER'S TIME ON BEAVER ISLAND

By Courtney Clare

Have you ever experienced a destination so calm--so beautiful-it takes your breath away? The gradient blue waters whisper laps along the shore, telling the quiet story of peace and joy; the story of complete and utter contentment. The stillness of a meditative sky as the lavender hues swaddle you into the untroubled scent of tranquility, pushing you to the pink glow of simple existence. It's like you are taking off the rose-colored glasses, only to find out the world still sparkles in blushed excellence.

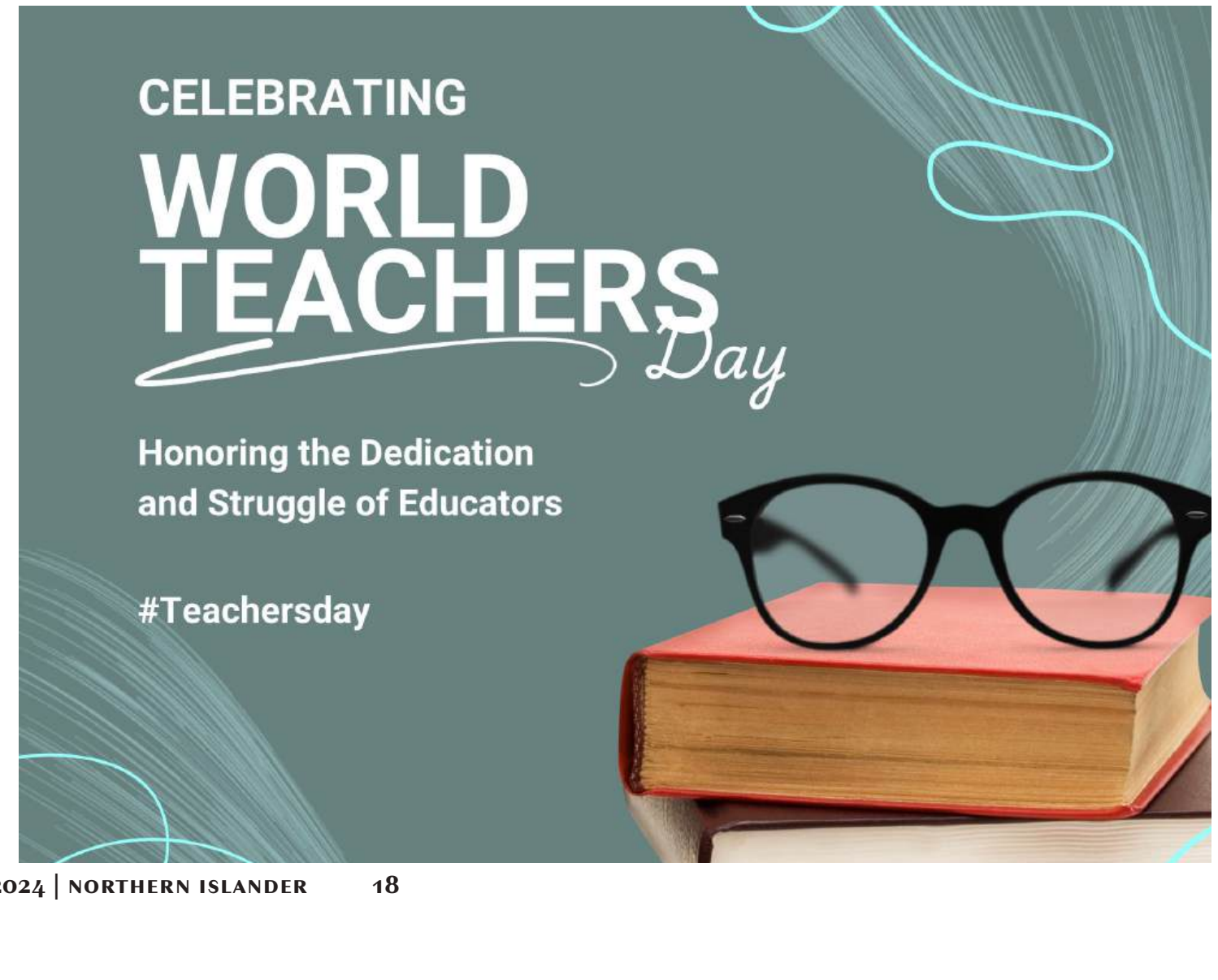
This was my experience on Beaver Island. Hi, my name is Courtney Clare and I am a teacher from Midland, MI. This last August, I had the incredible honor of being invited to America's Emerald Isle by Troy Hicks, Director of the Chippewa River Writing Project (CRWP) at CMU. As a part of both the National Writing Project and Central Michigan University, CRWP seeks to further the mission of both organizations. Since 2016, this organization has hosted several intensive workshops at CMU's Biological Station on Beaver Island to improve the teaching and learning of writing in Michigan schools and local communities (https://chippewariverwp.org/about/).

After only a short year as part of this program, I was ecstatic to be invited to the biological station. Before arriving, I imagined the trip would be sort of like camping, but with more time spent indoors working and a lot of dirt and sweat. Gross, right? However, no preconceived notion could come close to the reality that is Beaver Island.

The entire week I was there, I spent time connecting with other passionate teaching professionals, K-12 and college alike, gaining peace from undeniable acceptance and mutual respect. I am in awe of the group dynamics of the Summer 2024 cohorts. We spent time diving into the minds of others. Prancing around, absorbing the knowledge but also leaving footprints-- playing an intellectual ping-pong where we all arose as victors. We also had the pleasure to meet Wil Cwikiel, Superintendent-Principal of Beaver Island Community Schools, and his gorgeous pup, Junie B. Jones. The light in his eyes as he told us her name, and then joined us the next morning, offering insight and expertise, made his love of education clear. Talking to him, the joy of our profession was contagious.

Aside from the writing and learning, I spent the week simply experiencing nature. From the squish of the bog beneath my feet to the hard surface of a flat rock just off the shore of Lake Michigan, the scent of nature enveloped me in a tight hug. I spent time sitting on the lake writing and allowing myself to just be in awe of the Great Lakes and just how lucky we all are to live in Mitten State. I could spend hours listening to Kevin Pangle, the Interim CMU Biological Station Director, speak about the island. He spent time calmly answering my incessant questions with contagious enthusiasm. The island-the nature of the whole organization-is so much a part of who he is, the knowledge poured from him like a fountain of water in the driest desert.

Now, as I transition back to my reality of obligations, busy schedules, and stress, I cherish the opportunity I had to visit Beaver Island. I want to go back; I want to re-experience the serenity of being on the island. Waking up in time to watch the sunrise and listen as the waves crash onto the shore. I want to eat breakfast casually while investing in laughter and connection with others. What I did, what I said, and what I learned on the island matters. And now I take that with me. As I enter a new school year with my students all staring up at me ready to learn, I know that I have done everything in my power to be the very best teacher I can be for them; to help them fall in love with writing. Thanks to the CRWP and the Literacy Center at CMU, I can confidently say that to me and my students -writing still matters and Beaver Island was the perfect place for inspiration.



HOUND'S TONGUE- IT LOOKS PRETTY BUT IS TOXIC

By Peaine Township

Hound's-tongue (Cynoglossum officinale) is an invasive Eurasian biennial weed that has found its way to Beaver Island. The common name comes from the similarity between its veined leaves and the tongue of a panting dog. It is believed to have been brought to the United States in contaminated seed. The ¼ inch seeds are grayish tan, a rounded/ triangular shape and covered with short, hooked bristles (think Velcro) that easily cling to fur, feathers or clothing.

If ingested, Hound's-tongue can be toxic to both wild and domestic animals causing liver damage or death. Eye damage can occur if burrs become embedded in the eye or eyelids of pets, livestock and wildlife. It is also a good idea to protect oneself against the high levels of pyrrolizidine alkaloids by wearing gloves and long sleeves during removal. Hound's-tongue can crowd out native flora allowing it to become the dominant species. Once established, infestations are very difficult to control.

When removing 1st year plants, any pieces of the tap root left in the ground will likely regrow. To get control of the population, successful management should ideally target plants during the 2nd year in June-July during the flowering stage. At this stage they are easiest to find and there won't be an opportunity for the plants to go to seed. In August- September, any plants that were missed will now have turned greyish tan and with the seeds still attached can be removed being careful not to disperse any of the seeds. Unfortunately, at this stage there is a chance that some seeds may have dispersed. Each plant can easily produce hundreds of seeds. After going to seed the second year, the plant will die naturally.

In September Peaine Township became aware of a population along French Bay Road and along West Side Dr. from Millers Marsh to just south of the gravel pit. The plants were in seed but had not dispersed. Five trash bags of plants were collected being careful not to disturb the seeds. Doing this ensures that literally thousands of seeds were prevented from being carried around the island to reseed. This area will need to be treated yearly in June and July with a follow-up every August-September until there are no more plants found.

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BEAVER ISLAND WILDLIFE CLUB UPDATES

By Jacque LaFreniere

October is the time of year to think about hunting and the Wildlife Club is gearing up for deer season. The Annual Harold Lounsberry Memorial Dinner (aka Hunter's Dinner) will be held at the Shamrock on November 16, 6-8 p.m. The staff at the Shamrock will have a wonderful buffet spread with a variety of wild and not so wild entrees. Also, that night will culminate our annual fund raiser, the Rifle Raffle. This year's rifle will be a Henry Lever Action 22 Rifle. There is also a Kelly Day Charter fishing trip for 4 and a variety of other prizes. Tickets can be purchased from any board member (Levi Connor, Bruce Beaudoin, Mark and Jacque LaFreniere, Shelby Harris, Bob Turner, John Earl Haggard, Sean Gallagher) or at the dinner. Tickets are $10 each or 11 for $100.

Again, at the dinner, will be 50/50 raffles and a chance to win another gun with our $2 card drawing (You purchase a playing card, torn in half, you keep 1⁄2 and the other goes into the drawing). Only 52 will be sold. Cards will only be sold at the dinner. So, bring extra cash to partake of these chances to win.

New this year, will be a youth raffle. Each youth (under age 18) attending the dinner will receive a free ticket. More may be purchased at the door. Youth must be present to win. There are five prizes this year.

Big Buck Contest: One can sign up for the Big Buck Contest at Powers Do it Best Hardware prior to 5 p.m. on Nov. 14. This contest is only for Rifle and muzzleloading seasons. $20 and you have the opportunity to win 1⁄2 of the proceeds. Deer must be scored on the island and you must be signed up prior to the season opener.

Important Season dates:

Sept. 1-30, Oct. 5-Dec. 20: Goose season
Sept. 15-Nov. 14th - Fall Turkey*

Sept. 15-Nov. 14, Dec. 1-Jan. 1: Ruffed Grouse
Sept. 15- March 31- small game (squirrel and snowshoe hare)
Oct. 1-Nov. 14- and Dec. 1-Jan. 1: Archery Season for deer*
Oct. 5-Dec. 1, Dec. 14-15: Duck Season
Nov. 15-Nov. 30: Rifle Season *
Dec.6- Dec. 15: Muzzleloader season* (use of any legal firearm permitted)

***Reminder:** you must buy your licenses on the mainland or online (mcihigan.gov.dnr). There is no place on the island to purchase over the counter licenses. Online licenses take a couple of weeks to receive your kill tag. So, plan ahead! Need help with an online purchase? Stop by the library and talk to Jacque. She will walk you through the process. Make sure you bring your credit card with you!

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October 2024

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		1 **9:00 am** Pickleball Outdoors **10:00 am** Babies & Toddlers Mixup **10:30 am** Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program **2:30 pm** Story Time at the Library **6:00 pm** Beaver Island AA Meeting	**2** **9:00 am** Peaine Township Planning Commission **10:00 am** Tending the Wellness Garden **3:00 pm** Bocce Ball Weekly Roll **7:00 pm** BINGO at Gregg Fellowship Center	**3** **9:00 am** Pickleball Outdoors **10:00 am** Women's Bible Study **11:00 am** Immunization Clinic **3:30 pm** Fiero Code Club **5:00 pm** Burger & a Beer **6:00 pm** Beaver Island AA Meeting	**4** **10:30 am** Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program	**5** **9:00 am** Pickleball Outdoors **5:00 pm** Prime Rib Night **6:00 pm** Beaver Island AA Meeting
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BAROQUE: A SMASHING SUCCESS

By The Beaver Island Performing Arts Alliance

This summer, the 23rd season of Baroque on Beaver provided a variety of exciting entertainment across a beautiful week on Beaver Island. Among the events were an electric performance of a Brahms classic at CMU's auditorium; a world premiere performance of a brand-new musical work; an amazing, laugh-filled version of Mozart's opera The Marriage of Figaro at the Community Center; and afternoons filled with free music including jazz at the Brewery, an eclectic mix at Whiskey Point, and the magic guitar of Chris Screven followed by the Emerald Winds Quintet outdoors at the Beaver Island Gallery.

Music Director Robert Nordling, now in in his 15th season, provided his traditional and always engaging opening lecture which gave attendees an insider's look of what it takes to make the music come alive – all the planning, individual practice, and multiple rehearsals that the festival demands. And during the New + Next concert, Robert and our musicians introduced us to the cutting-edge contemporary music of living composers with fascinating commentary and Q & A following each piece.

This year's Benefit Concert, a critically important fundraiser that directly supports the festival each year, featured the 2024 winner of the prestigious Concours Musical International de Montréal: pianist Jaeden Izik-Dzurko. Half of this Benefit's ticket price is a (tax deductible) donation to the organization. Attendees enjoyed an evening of fine dining catered by Vicky Fingeroot's Harbor Bodega Catering prior to the performance, and champagne and desserts following the concert. And in between, all heard mesmerizing music from our featured musician.

The annual Founders Concert honored the original founders of the festival with a combination of superb orchestral and vocal music. It also gave us all an opportunity to hear world-renowned soprano Martha Guth, who Beaver Island claims as our own since she grew up spending her summers on the island and "back in the day" sang at the much-treasured Rectory's open mic nights.

The Festival Orchestra performed a world premiere commissioned piece: "Great Lake Music" by Eric Malmquist. Listening to this piece one could readily hear the music of our lake and feel the wind and waves on the water. It was a moving experience to hear this on our island.

The festival ended with a sold-out, first-time-on-Beaver Island opera presentation. Our own Peter Amster provided the entertaining narration between scenes. Opera stars Martha Guth and her husband Ricardo Lugo along with principal vocalists Thaddaeus Bourne, Erika Morrison, Karen Cook, and Matthew Cook delighted all of us not only with their voices but also with their fun-filled depictions of their humorous characters. It was the crown jewel of an amazing week of sold-out performances with extended standing ovations throughout.

"In my view it was easily our finest and most varied festival yet," said Maestro Nordling. "It was a great pleasure for me to plan this season and work with all our artists. The audience feedback was overwhelmingly positive on all fronts, whether about our performers and their level of artistry, the more intimate and air-conditioned venues, the wide range of musical repertoire, or their overall festival experience. I believe we delivered on our promise of 'Classical Music on Island Time' in a big way."

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UPDATE FROM OUR BEAT REPORTER

By Bill Reed

The Northern Islander is gathering the background information necessary to present readers with a complete overview of the of the existing telecom infrastructure of Beaver Island. This research requires inputs from the distant corporate players -- TDS, AT&T and Verizon -- as well as local entities such as the Beaver Island Consortium. A roadmap of the current network baseline is intended to help readers evaluate the options for improvement and to make informed choices among them. The results of this research will be covered in the November issue.

BROADBAND UPDATE: PLANNING FOR THE PFN CONNECTION

By Kevin Boyle

So much is going on within the broadband world for the island. The good news is that both the PFN project and E-rate projects are proceeding with some work expected to begin this fall. So, the Island is assured to have fiber connectivity to and from the mainland with redundant links and, before that is built, the E-rate project will replace some on-island microwave links with fiber for the school and library. Aside from this good news, though, the battle over BEAD Grant eligibility to fund fiber on the island for other service locations (homes and businesses) continues with what appear to be limited prospects for success. We also have an update on 911 issues. Here are some details.

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The PFN project is proceeding. The company will construct a fiber link between Gulliver in the UP and the north shore of the island with another link from the east shore of the Island to Charlevoix. The two landing locations on the Island will be connected by fiber on the Island that can eventually become part of an Island fiber system. PFN continues the evaluation work to plan for this new network. This includes a number of projects :

1. A sonar survey ship, the Leah Renee, has been based on the island for weeks. Its crew is investigating the lake bottom through sonar to determine the best underwater route.

2. PFN's consultant biologist has field reviewed the locations where the fiber will be buried to determine environmental issues and any needed mitigation.

3. This fall PFN will have a firm with a drilling rig on the island to perform geotechnical analysis (soils studies) for the locations they need to connect the on-island cable to the underwater cable. This will happen at both at the St. James Township Campground and at CMU's property at the Biological Station or possibly at the CMU tower located at the East Side Fire Hall.

PFN officials will be on the Island in early October to showcase their project and address questions. **On October 10, between 4:00 and 5:30 p.m ,** at the Community Center, they will have educational interactive displays showing elements of their project. For instance, they will show some of their sonar and aerial videos.

The E-rate project for the school and library includes fiber to be installed by Merit, an organization responsible for connecting broadband to universities, schools, and libraries. This fall they plan to install fiber from the Donegal Bay Tower to the school and library and, possibly to Central Michigan University facilities, both at the boathouse and at the Biological Center. Until the PFN project is completed, this fiber will be fed with existing microwave links on the Island and to the mainland. Eventually, the mainland links will include a link to the UP. This will make the service to the school, library and CMU resilient to interruptions on the primary link.

The cause of the long TDS internet and 911 outages that occurred on August 13 and 14 followed by shorter outages thereafter appears to have been determined and the fix is in. We mean the repair is underway. As we go to press, the replacement circuits are undergoing testing which will be followed by their activation. This effort is expected to provide our island with more reliable internet/911 services. The 911 outages have been reported to the FCC, which is investigating the issue and whether TDS has met its emergency service obligations. The Joint Telecommunications Advisory Committee (the JTAC) also contacted our state and federal representatives along with the Governor arguing that the repeated failures this summer and on prior occasions illustrate the importance of making the Island eligible for BEAD Grant funding to build its own communications network.

While efforts to gain BEAD Grant eligibility continue, there is concern they will not succeed. Therefore, the JTAC continues to work toward developing a fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) project we are considering a possible millage amount (around 0.7 mills which generates $70/year or $140/year for a home with a taxable value of $100,000 or $200,000, respectively). This millage would likely be for 30 years so that funding can be leveraged from a bond and loans from private partners to be able to build the $9,000,000 system. The JTAC is continuing work to find partners to minimize any taxpayer costs. One strategy we are using is the ability to connect PFN's fiber to nearby homes and businesses. The greater challenge is the cost to run fiber to the portion of the island that PFN does not cover. A community forum will be held at the end of October or in early November to share the JTAC's current FTTH project status.

BICS ATHLETICS BACK IN ACTION

By Amy Marschner

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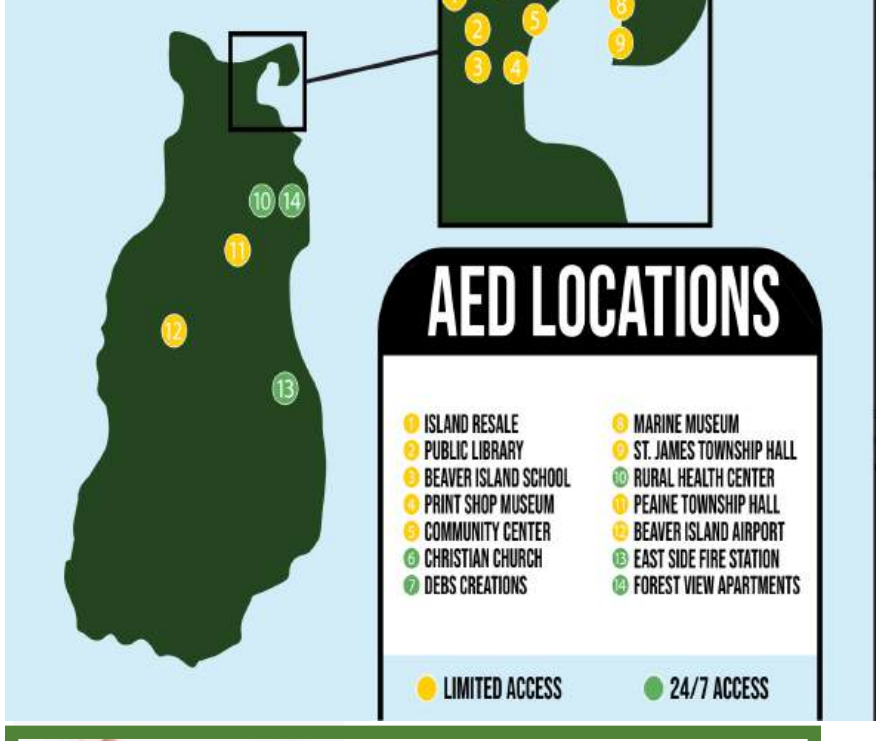

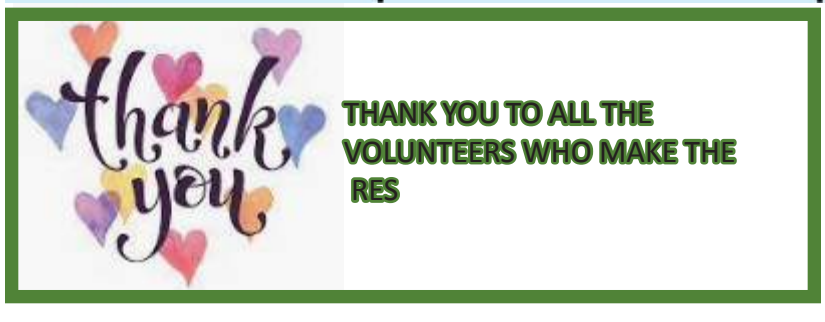

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FROM HOLOCAUST TO HOPE, MY TRUE STORY- DR. IRENE BUTTER ON OCTOBER 30

By Beth Crosswhite

The Beaver Island Community School and the Beaver Island Historical Society invites the community to a special presentation by Holocaust Survivor, Dr. Irene (Hasenberg) Butter at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 30, 2024 Beaver Island, Print Shop Museum.

Dr. Irene Butter was born in Berlin in 1930 and grew up as a Jewish child in Nazi-occupied Europe. A survivor of two concentration camps, she came to the US in 1945. Years later, Butter married, had two children and became a professor at the University of Michigan. Since the 1980s, she has shared and taught others of what she endured. She has also pursued peace work as a co-founder of the Raoul Wallenberg Medal & Lecture series at the University of Michigan. Wallenberg, a University of Michigan 1934 graduate, saved tens of thousands of Jews from the Holocaust. Through this Wallenberg series, Dr. Butter met early medal recipients, Bishop Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama. Dr. Butter is also one of the founders of Zeitouna ("Olive tree", in Arabic), an Arab/Jewish Women's Dialogue group in Ann Arbor, MI for over 20 years. Earlier this year, CBS News' Lisa Ling profiled the Zeitouna sisterhood. In June, 2024, Dr. Butter was invited by the German Ambassador to Washington, DC, to receive the highest civilian medal of honor in Germany, the Federal Cross of Merit. Its U.S. equivalent is the U.S. Presidential Medal of Freedom. Dr. Butter was recognized for this medal through her work with German high school students recording a podcast about Dr. Butter and her life. The podcast was aired on German Nation Public Radio.

Please join us to welcome Dr. Irene Butter to Beaver Island.
Dr. Butter published her memoir, "Shores Beyond Shores/From Holocaust to Hope", which will be available for purchase at a book signing and dessert reception after the lecture.

Earlier in the day, Dr. Butter will meet with high school students studying the Holocaust with history teacher, Nicole Olson and English teacher, David VanDeventer. Dr. Butter's personal story can bring a meaningful offering of hope amongst some of the darkest times in history.

What: Dr. Irene Butter presentation, "From Holocaust to Hope, My True Story"
Where: Beaver Island Print Shop Museum
When: Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
Details: FREE - Open to the Public

Indigenous Grandmothers, Healers, visit Beaver Island

By Jacque Lafreniere

On Sept. 14, Indigenous grandmothers from around the world visited Beaver Island, imparting their wisdom and culture to those in attendance.

At the Community Center, we welcomed them to the Island and to the Community Center, where the local "elders" and Frank Ettawagesik spoke to them about the Island and indigenous families. There were six children who then presented gifts: The Elders Speak by George Anthony and bracelets. The children were Ryley Maudrie, Kori Maudrie, Killian McGinnity, Lily and Jolene Warmerdam, and Aria Halpin. The local elders then presented the visitors with bundles of our local medicinal plants which Cynthia Pryor then described in detail.

Following the welcome ceremony,everyone entered the Community Center. Once seated, the elders were again welcomed and they began individual greetings to those in attendance and the local elders. Questions and answers were then followed by a luncheon, open to all in attendance.

After the luncheon, the grandmothers and others went up the library for the sacred seed ceremony and making of seed bundles presented by the daughter of the Seed Keeper, Heather.

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FRIDAY MORNING SWIM CLUB COMES TO A SPLASHING END

By Catherine Meintsma

We just completed year number two for our Friday Morning Swim Club on Beaver Island. Our Friday Morning Swim Club meets at the public beach every Friday from Friday of Memorial weekend through the Friday after Labor Day so we can include our visitors for the Feile.

This year we kept some records. Renee Rogers collected air and water temperatures. We started in May (5/24) with the air temperature at 44° and the water temperature at a crisp 55° Our temperatures grew each week. It wasn't until July that our water temperature reached 70°. Most mornings the water was warmer than the air.

This year we added two-night swims which we called "Dim Club" Since our morning swims take place in the harbor with a beautiful sunrise and a hot cup of full lead coffee, it was only fitting that dim club should happen on the back beach with a beautiful sunset paired with homemade island herbal tea and decaf coffee. One evening the water was 77° and the air temperature was 75°. It was beautiful and we recruited a few new members. They were wondering what we were counting down to and why we were jumping in the lake together. They showed up the next Friday morning and never missed another one all summer. We ended our season with our last jump in the lake with the air temperature of 63° and the water 68°

Every week Shelby Meintsma took attendance and on our last morning jump, she let everyone know that she had filled out a raffle ticket for every morning they were in attendance throughout the summer. She had prizes of Friday Morning Swim Club hats, Island coffee, and island coffee mugs. It was so fun to hear how many people had joined us. This summer we had almost 30 individuals join us. Also, over a hundred jumps in the lake.

Some of our members jumped into other bodies of water when life called them away. Larry Rogers joined us via FaceTime from Grayling just so he could, "Never Miss a Friday Morning Swim Club!! "

We even had a member who joined us for half of the summer who had to leave but stayed for one more FMSC and then went on to keep it going in Ludington. They would send photos that they were with us in spirit.

Why did we start FMSC? It all started in Chicago where our daughter and son in love attended every Friday faithfully. We thought we could join them from the island. It was just going to be myself, Shelby, and Joel but we said it would be fun to see who else we could get to do it with us! We picked 6:30 because Bryan Doughman wanted to be able to make it before he needed to open the Wild Strawberry Cafe. Bryan usually honks as he is on his way to start his day. He only joined us for one of our mornings. Thank goodness our group is more dedicated than that. Everyone brings a coffee cup and Joel Meintsma brews the coffee for us all. Nothing tastes better than that hot coffee after coming out of the sometimes rather cool lake.

From this small group, we have grown and met people from all over the world. We have had people plan their travels around the jump in the lake. So many incredible stories from our quick dip followed by longer sips of coffee and conversations.

Life is very busy on the island in the summer. For some, the FMSC was their only opportunity for a chance to enjoy Lake Michigan. It's a reminder to make time to enjoy the little things. Those weeks flew by too quickly. We caught some breathtaking sunrises and a couple of gorgeous sunsets. We also met some amazing new friends and connected with some old friends. I think everyone should try it once. We all look forward to it every week and we all agree it's the best way to kick off your weekend. Plus, you can tell your friends, "Go Jump In The Lake!"

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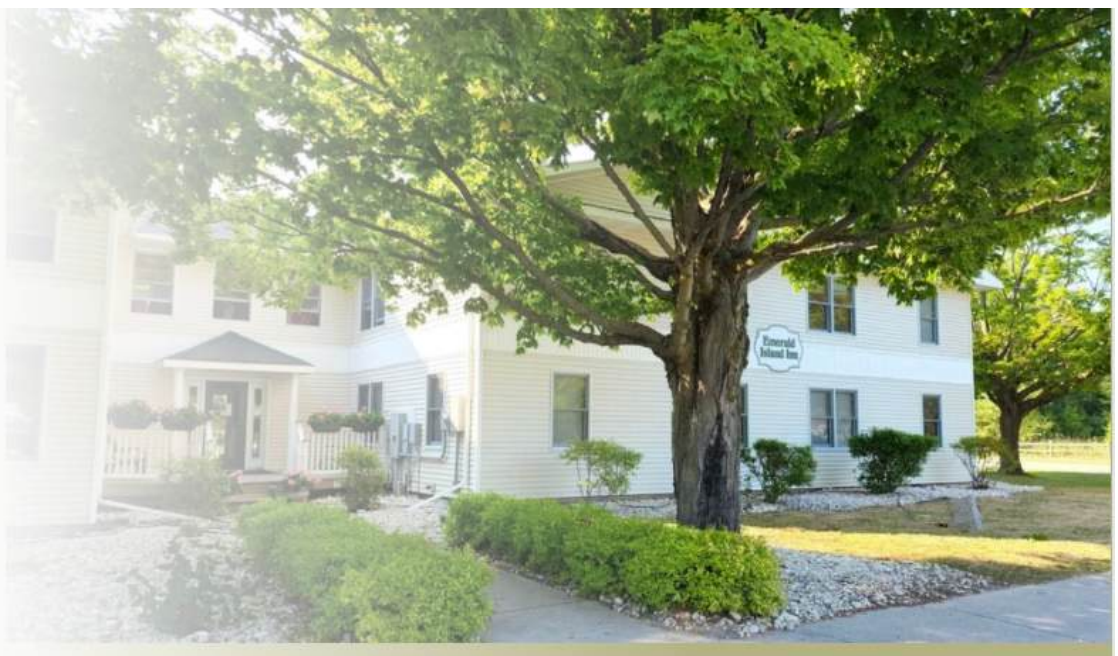

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DAILY PRESS FEATURES STORY ON THE BEAVER ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S HAULING OF THE NET

By R. R. BRANSTROM

ESCANABA — "Hauling in the Net" is a massive painting now hanging in a new climate-controlled wing of the Print Shop Museum on Beaver Island. Painted by Zoltan Sepeshy in 1940, the 13-foot-wide mural, depicting three larger-than-life fishermen pulling a heavy catch into their boat, has had an eventful journey. A few years ago, individuals from Escanaba and Beaver Island teamed up to have it restored in Detroit, where conservator Kenneth Katz called it "one of the most important paintings by Sepeshy because of its scale and egg tempera technique."

Under President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the federal government's New Deal funded several programs to help America recover from the Great Depression. One such endeavor was the Section of Fine Arts, which commissioned upwards of 1,000 murals and 300 sculptures between 1934 and 1943, predominantly for installation in post offices and court-houses. Rather than provide work relief for those in financial hardship or complete necessary infrastructure projects, as other New Deal programs did, the Section's goal was to secure the highest-quality art American creatives could produce. To this end, they had an unusual process; anonymous applications were chosen based purely on merit. Painter Zoltan Sepeshy, a Hungarian immigrant settled in the Detroit area and teaching at the Cranbrook Academy of Art was one artist selected and commissioned in 1939.

After arrangements had been made for Sepeshy to design a mural for the Lincoln Park Post Office, the artist submitted a couple sketch ideas, and the scene chosen reportedly surprised both Sepeshy and the community. As Lincoln Park is a landlocked suburb of Motor City with so many residents working for Ford, fishing was not a subject matter with a deep connection to the area.

"He presented several alternatives (for) what might have been an appropriate subject for the mural in Lincoln Park, and one of those proposals even had to do with the automobile industry. It was actually the U.S. government that came back and said, you know, they liked this idea of fishermen," said Gregory Wittkopp, current director for the Cranbrook Center for Collections and Research. "From, really, day one, the people in Lincoln Park and the postal employees were scratching their heads and wondering, 'Why is this here?'"

By 1967, Acting Postmaster Melvin L. Gish was ready to remove or paint over the mural, at which point a neighboring businessman, Edward O'Donnell of Lincoln Products, stepped in.

With family ties to Beaver Island, O'Donnell knew where the mural would fit in well and be appreciated.

Beaver Island, the largest island in Lake Michigan, is in the Great Lake's northern waters, south of Engadine in the Upper Peninsula and northwest of Charlevoix in the Lower. The island's history involves an Odawa trading post, Irish Catholic settlers, a Mormon splinter colony, and plenty of fishing.

Noting that the proper channels were consulted and gave approval for the relocation of "Hauling in the Net," which was still technically federal property, Wittkopp said that the move was supported by Senator William D. Ford and Representative Raymond F. Clevenger following O'Donnell's suggestion. In 1967, the mural was installed in Beaver Island's Print Shop Museum — so named because it was built by the Mormons in 1850 and used to produce their newspaper. Today, the building serves as the main museum for the Beaver Island Historical Society.

In 1976, a second museum opened on the island. Overlooking St. James Harbor, it had been built around 1905 as a shed to house fishing nets. Suitably, it became Beaver Island's Marine Museum. At some point, the Sepeshy mural was removed from the Print Shop Museum and put in the lower level of the Marine Museum.

In 1991, the Lincoln Park Post Office moved to a new home, and the building that had originally housed the Sepeshy mural is now occupied by the Lincoln Park Historical Society as their museum.

Over the years, the mural sustained considerable damage, largely due to a poor cleaning job that had scrubbed away a lot of the color. When Lori Taylor-Blitz, who had been based in Escanaba, was hired to run the Beaver Island Historical Society eight years ago, the painting was a literally washed-out version of what it once had been.

Beyond the fact that the Marine Museum had no heating or cooling, it was very near the water — ideal for storing fishing nets, but not works of art. In 2018, an expansion was being constructed onto the Print Shop Museum. As the lake reached very high levels, preserving the painting became a top concern.

"The water was rising, so we needed to make a decision to have it taken down and stored for safety, because we really weren't sure how much higher the water would go, and it just happened to fall within the timeline where we were doing this renovation," Taylor-Blitz explained. "And we had the funding to make a decision about having it touched up."

Pasqua Warstler, longtime Escanaba resident and formerly the executive director of the William Bonifas Fine Arts Center, had worked with Taylor-Blitz in the past on grant projects, and the two again formed a partnership in the mission to restore "Hauling in the Net" to its former glory. Warstler said that she flew out to Beaver Island several times to help work with Taylor-Blitz on arrangements and the details of a conservation effort, which they knew needed to be carried out by certified, knowledgeable professionals.

Ultimately, they hired Conservation and Museum Services out of Detroit. Ken Katz and Daniela Pianigiani were the experts who fit the bill. It was no small job, and the whole endeavor cost about $50,000, which Taylor-Blitz said they gathered through grants and private donors.

On Labor Day weekend of 2019, the mural was de-installed from the Marine Museum. In two pieces, the artwork was carefully loaded into crates, placed in a transport van, and carried across Lake Michigan on the Emerald Isle ferry to Charlevoix. From there, it traveled almost another 300 miles across the state to the studio of the Detroit conservators.

Because of the damaged state of the work, said Katz, they had "great incentive to return it to its original imagery and show what professional conservation can do."

Professional conservators use a process called "inpainting," wherein they touch up only the areas that are deteriorated or missing, covering up none of the original paint. It is fine, detailed, inch-by-inch work. Katz said that it was primarily Pianigiani who did the restoration on "Hauling in the Net," which remained in their hands for the better part of a year. "The challenge, not unlike the restoration of the Last Supper by da Vinci, was to integrate the massive losses incurred by the previous attempt at cleaning without covering any original paint," Katz explained. "…It was all man-made damage by inexperienced people who did not understand Sepeshy's technique and the nature of egg tempera and its extreme sensitivity to certain cleaning agents. Having worked on many Sepeshys, we understood what the challenges would be and were extremely satisfied and gratified with the results."

Before it was brought back to Beaver Island, photographer Tom Benjamin took high-resolution images of the restored mural. Now, a full-scale printed reproduction hangs in the Lincoln Park Historical Museum — formerly the post office — right where the real thing was originally installed.

When the mural made its journey downstate temporarily, so too did a couple people involved with the project. Warstler and Taylor-Blitz visited the restoration studio, Cranbrook — where Sepeshy served as director not long after painting the mural — and even met Sepeshy's son.

"Two dames from Escanaba fell in love with Zoltan Sepeshy and his egg tempera paintings and the whole story — and it's a wonderful story," said Warstler.

In August of 2020, the vibrant masterpiece was installed in its new home in the addition of the Beaver Island Print Shop Museum, roughly at the height at which it was intended to be viewed. There, it can be enjoyed for years to come.

Pictured left to right: Mark Baker, Sharolyn Hunter and Pasqua Warstlee

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Goldenrod, I Get No Respect!

By Cheryl Oliver-Kern

The famous trademark of the late comedian Rodney Dangerfield was the line "I get no respect!" Another "rod" would say the same thing if it could speak. I am referring to Goldenrod. As a child seeing the first glimpse of the golden plumes in late summer was a sure sign that school would soon be starting up again. On my way to school, there were abandoned farm fields full of Goldenrod and Milkweed. I was supposed to come straight home after school, but would somehow end up in those fields, drawn by the buzzing of the bugs, the beautiful butterflies, and colorful flowers. My mother tried to teach me how to act like a lady, but I would return home from school with my lace-trimmed bobby socks full of burrs and the books, papers, and home-work assignments would have mysteriously disappeared from my bookbag. The bag would contain a lovely assortment of bugs, an occasional toad or turtle, pretty stones, nuts, and flowers, all treasures to fill those small, divided sections in my jewelry box. After all, who wouldn't want bugs in their jewelry box? Nevertheless, that's a story for another day. This is all about Goldenrod.

There are 22 species of Goldenrod in Michigan with common names such as Showy, Fragrant, Bog, Zigzag, and Blue Stemmed to name a few. According to the book "Plants of Beaver Island" by Edwin Leuck II and Daniel E. Wujek, there are eight species found on Beaver Island. The most common one is Canada Golden Rod (Solidago canadensis). For the sake of keeping it simple, I am going to lump all Goldenrod together. I am sure everyone has seen it. But does everyone respect it? If you don't, perhaps I can change your perception of this essential plant.

Goldenrod is a member of the Asteraceae family, (Daisy family). It blooms in late summer through early fall and is usually found…well… pretty much everywhere! It is often dismissed as simply a weed, even disdained by some. But this golden native of North America has so much more to offer! Its botanical name, Solidago, is Latin for solidus, meaning to make whole Native Americans had many uses for it including using it to treat urinary tract infections, as a poultice for insect bites and bee stings, chewed it to relieve sore throats and reduced fevers by drinking tea made from the leaves and flowers. It has tuberculosis, and arthritis and to heal wounds. It has anti-inflammatory and diuretic properties and has been used to treat kidney stones. It was even used as a substitute for English tea during the Revolutionary War. Whew! But there is more!

Goldenrod & rich pollen is heavy, sticky, and dense, too heavy to be carried by the wind. The pollen can only travel by pollinators. It just so happens that it blooms at the same time as its neighbor, Ragweed. Ragweed has inconspicuous green flowers and tiny spikey grains of windblown pollen wreaking havoc on those with allergies. While Ragweed is rather obscure, Goldenrod on the other hand is putting on a show! Hence

Goldenrod is often blamed for seasonal allergies. The key here is how the pollen travels. While Ragweed's invisible pollen is blowing everywhere, causing grief to allergy sufferers, Goldenrod's thick, heavy pollen is not going anywhere without its pollinators.

Goldenrod produces nutrient-dense, high-quality pollen, rich in fat, protein, and minerals. Goldenrod supports many beneficial insects such as butterflies, moths, beetles, bees, and wasps. No less than eleven species of native bees specifically pursue goldenrods for their diet. It is also the host plant for several butter-flies and moth larvae and is crucial for migrating monarch butterflies in the late summer and early fall.
Goldenrod is also a host to at least 50 species of insects. The Gall fly is one that I collected for my jewelry box and years later found myself researching in college Insects are not the only ones to rely on Goldenrod. Many birds including Goldfinches, Pine siskins, Indigo buntings, wrens, grosbeaks, and nuthatches consume the nutrient-dense seeds. Downy woodpeckers and black-capped chickadees eat the gall fly larvae. This is essential in preparation for the harsh winter months. Goldenrod fibrous root system improve soil stability preventing erosion and it is a great alternative for restoring disturbed areas, preventing invasive species from inhabiting the area. I am hopeful that next year when you see a field of Goldenrod or spot it growing along the road you will be able to appreciate it a bit more. Please give it some space in your garden; its numerous benefits are worth it. Even though most Goldenrod species are not threatened or endangered it deserves a little more respect.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SYNOPSIS SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met in the Charlevoix County Commissioners room on September 11, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. Five Commissioners were present. Excused: Scott Hankins

Motion approved the agenda as amended.
Motion approved the August 14, 2024 and August 28, 2024 Closed Session minutes.

Motion approved the consent agenda as presented.
Motion approved Resolution #24-097, Approve County Expenditures.
Public Hearing on the 2024/2025 General Fund Budget opened for comments from the floor at 9:42 a.m. With no further comments, the public hearing closed at 9:42 a.m.

Motion approved appointment of Tory Thrush to the Grandvue Board.
Motion approved Resolution #24-098, Maximum Authorized Millage Rates.
Motion approved Resolution #24-099, 2025 General Fund Budget. 4.1 Nays – Commissioner Christensen.

Motion approved Resolution #24-100, Cigarette Tax Distribution.
Motion approved Resolution #24-101, Convention Facility Tax Distribution.
Motion approved Resolution #24-102, 2025 Subsidiary Fund Budgets.
Motion approved Resolution #24-103, 2024 Budget Deficits.
Motion approved Resolution #24-104, 2024 Subsidiary Fund Budget Deficits.
Motion approved Resolution #24-105, 2024 Tax Millage Rate Request.
Motion approved Resolution #24-106, Server Management Software Licensing Purchase.
Motion approved Resolution #24-107, Whiting Park Lot Clearing.
Motion approved Resolution #24-108, Health Department Elevator Repairs.

The meeting was adjourned to the call of the Chair at 10:24 a.m.
Complete copies of Board minutes can be found on the County website, www.charlevoixcounty.org.

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SYNOPSIS AUGUST 28, 2024

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met in the Charlevoix County Commissioners room on July 10, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. Six Commissioners were present. Motion approved the agenda as amended.

Motion approved the consent agenda as presented.

Motion approved Resolution #24-075, Grandvue Operating Transfer.

Motion approved Resolution #24-076, Approve County Expenditures.

Motion approved the Whiting Park Boat Launch Change Order.

Motion approved Resolution #24-077, 2025 Child and Parent Legal Representation Grant Renewal.

Motion approved Resolution #24-078, 2024/2025 Child Care Budget Resolution.

Motion approved Resolution #24-079, Parks Trail Maintenance Tractor and Tractor Attachments Purchase.

Motion approved Resolution #24-080, Court Recording System.

Motion approved Resolution #24-081, Whiting Park Electrical Upgrade.

Motion approved Resolution #24-082, Charlevoix County Probate Court Carpet Purchase. Nays: Commissioner Christensen.

The meeting was adjourned to the call of the Chair at 11:16 a.m.
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Remembering Grace (Gatliff) Doig: A Beacon of Love and Resilience

By Greg Doig

A burial service was held on August 27, 2024, on Beaver Island, Michigan, at the Holy Cross Cemetery. Family and friends bid farewell to Grace (Gatliff) Doig, affectionately known as "Amazing Grace," who passed away on June 13, 2024, in Illinois. A funeral mass was held at St. Barnabas Church in Chicago, IL., on June 20, 2024.

Grace (Gatliff) Doig was born on April 8, 1935, in Beaver Island, Michigan. Her life was a testament to love, resilience, and community spirit, leaving an indelible mark on all who knew her. Her resilience in the face of life's challenges was a source of inspiration for many.

Grace was one of thirteen children born to Mary (McDonough) Gatliff and Tom Gatliff. She grew up in the close-knit community of Beaver Island. Her upbringing was steeped in family values and the rich traditions of island life, which shaped her into the compassionate and strong-willed woman she was known to be. 1955, Grace moved to Chicago, where she married Henry W. Doig. Grace was the mother to eight wonderful children: Barbara, Hank, Greg, Margie, Mary Rose, Kim, Lisa, and Danny.

Despite her move, Grace often returned to Beaver Island, maintaining a solid connection with her roots and the community she loved. Her family was the center of her world, and she poured her heart into nurturing them with love and wisdom. Grace's home was always filled with laughter, warmth, and the aroma of home-cooked meals, especially lasagna, becoming a haven for her children, their friends, and anyone who crossed her threshold.

Grace, a devoted member of the Incarnation Catholic Church in Crestwood, IL, had faith as a cornerstone of her life. Her knowledge of the Bible was evident too, by her ability to quote many chapters and verses. She was also a proud grandmother, great-grandmother, and aunt to many nieces and nephews, extending her love and care to the next generations. Her generosity and unwavering faith inspired many, spreading positivity and hope throughout her community.

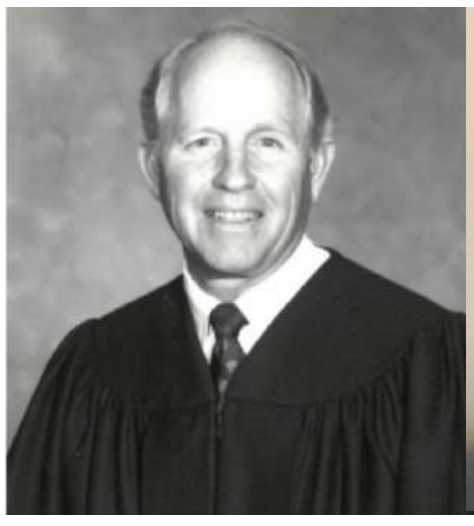
Grace's passion for sports was well-known, and she delighted in attending several World Series events, sharing her enthusiasm with family and friends. Beyond her family and sports, Grace was an avid reader, always eager to learn and stay informed about local, national, and world events.

As Grace's family and friends mourn the loss of Grace (Gatliff) Doig, her legacy lives on through her children, who continue her tradition of love and resilience; her grandchildren, who carry on her spirit of generosity; and her great-grandchildren, who will hear stories of her kindness and grace. She was laid to rest on Beaver Island on August 27, 2024, among the community she cherished so deeply.

Our hearts go out to all who knew and loved Grace. In honoring her memory, the community reflects on the profound impact of Grace's life, a true testament to the power of love and community. She leaves a legacy of compassion and resilience that will forever be woven into her birthplace, Beaver Island.

PATRICK CONLIN

By Patrick J. Conlin



Patrick Joseph Conlin, 91, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, passed away on Friday, July 19, 2024, of natural causes.

Pat was born to John W. and Catherine M. Conlin, in 1933, in Ann Arbor, where he and his five siblings were raised together. Pat succeeded his father as a judge on the Washtenaw County Circuit Court, after serving as a District Court Judge in Washtenaw County. His tenure as a District Judge was 1969-1972, and he served as a Circuit Court Judge from 1972-1997. Pat is the longest serving in an unbroken relay of Conlin judges in this county starting in 1956 through the present day. He is fondly remembered by many attorneys still practicing in Washtenaw County.

Pat completed both his undergraduate Bachelor of Arts degree and his Juris Doctor from law school at the University of Michigan, and before becoming a judge served as a lawyer in Washtenaw County. He also served in the United States Navy from 1952-1956. A lifelong Roman Catholic, Pat attended St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Ann Arbor, then St. Mary in Chelsea, and served on the Board of Directors at Ave Maria Law School.

He met the love of his life, then Anneward Ashley, in 1957, and they married in 1958. Over their 67 years together, they built homes on lakes and on farms, traveled to many distant lands, sometimes in rickshaws, sometimes together in VW buses, and always with a deep love for each other and the world around them.

Known for his charming, warm personality, and his sense of wonder and adventure, Pat would often choose family vacations seemingly from a National Geographic Magazine. We remember the trip to an island off Honduras, where we had to take the mail plane to several remote islands before reaching our destination.

But there were two lands which always held his heart and his home: his native Michigan with its great lakes and rolling farmland, and his ancestral home of Ireland.

Pat knew every nook and cranny on his bucolic farm between Ann Arbor and Chelsea, from the 150 year-old oaks, to the pear tree-lined lanes, to the old barns and gardens. He was known to be VERY enthusiastic about planting his vegetable garden, much to the chagrin of our family, who took up the rear in terms of weeding and picking.

And, there was the time, as a very young man, he saw a tiny ad in the Detroit Free Press about an island in northern Lake Michigan where many Irish natives had come to settle, Beaver Island. He rode by ferry across from the mainland with his father in 1959, and decided to put down what little payment he could afford while still a student in law school on a parcel of land that has become a beloved family retreat.

To his family, after the grandchildren arrived, he was always known as Poppy, and loved nothing more than to take several of his grandchildren out in his small boat on a quiet lake with cane poles aplenty, to look for bluegills. Although he was known to catch spectacular gamefish in oceans, he preferred time with his children and grandchildren, oftentimes spending the whole of a fishing trip putting worms on the hooks of tentative toddlers and fixing many, many line tangles.

Most of all, he loved his family, and he relished his life. He made numerous trips to Ireland with family and friends. Every St. Patrick's Day, Pat was known to put stacks of LP records on the record player, some with whimsical Irish ballads and some with sad songs of independence. And each year, he and his siblings would raise a toast to Ireland, their ancestral home.

One time, a small grandchild was sitting in Pat's lap and asked about the veins that criss crossed his cheeks. "What are those, Poppy?" He answered, "Look close. Do you see? It's a map of Ireland."

He is preceded in death by his parents, John and Catherine Conlin; his brothers, Jack and Jim Conlin; and his twin brother, Bob.

Pat is survived by his wife of 67 years, Anneward; his children, Kelli and Patrick Jr.; his daughters-in-law, Elaine Economou and Angie Martell; his adoring grandchildren, Patrick III, John, Ciaran, Rory, and Thomas; and his siblings, Richard, Conlin, and Mary Dyer.

A memorial gathering and visitation took place on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm with a Rosary held at 7:30 pm, at Nie Family Funeral Home - Liberty Chapel, 3767 W. Liberty Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

A funeral mass was held on Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 10:00 am at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 530 Elizabeth Street, Ann Arbor,

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Maria LoDico has been coming to Beaver Island for fifty plus years. The first time was when her brother-in-law Pete married Sandy. She was enchanted with the Island, and continued coming back with her children and renting cabins. Now, the latest generation of the LoDico family comes to Beaver Island to vacation. Maria decided to make Beaver Island her permanent home at the end of 2018.

Rach Becker
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One teaspoon of baking soda
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
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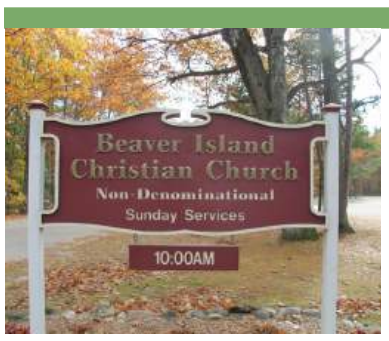

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By Judi Meister & Sue Oole

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By Skylar Faith Marsh

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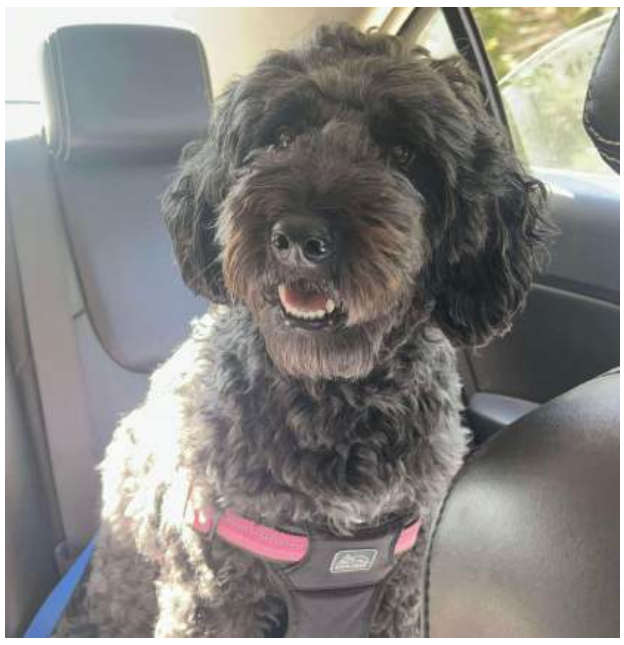
Sadie loves living on Beaver Island with all of her friends. She is truly an island girl.



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